

# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

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## 14TH ANNUAL CENTENNIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Concordia University Varsity Men's Basketball team will attempt to add another tournament championship to their credit this weekend, when they host the 14th Annual Centennial Basketball Tournament.

Doug Diagneault's cagers are off to an impressive start this season with an 8-3 record and the championship of the McGill Invitational Tournament. Last week, the Stingers captured the consolation trophy at the Guelph Invitational. Concordia dropped the first game to Carleton University 77-66, then came back to upend the Dalhousie Tigers 114-83. Leon Bynoe collected 48 points in the two games, while Doug Whaley added 40 and 13 assists.

Concordia will play the University of Ottawa at 9 p.m. Friday night in the second game of the tourney. The Laurentian University Voyageurs and the McMaster University Marauders clash in Friday's first game, beginning at 7 p.m.. Saturday's action starts with the Consolation game at 1 p.m., followed by the championship contest slated for 3 p.m.. All games will be played at the Concordia Athletic Complex, 7200 Sherbrooke Street West.

Ottawa's head coach, John Restivo is planning on rebuilding the Gee-Gee's basketball program in his first year. Co-captains, Steve Huck and Pete Paulsen head the list of seven returnees which include Montreal native René St. Fort. Huck was the Gee-Gees' top scorer last year, averaging over 18 points a game, while Paulsen is returning after a year lay-off.

Coach Heale has six returnees from last year's squad as he embarks on his second year as head coach of the Laurentian Voyageurs. Co-captain Willy Woitowich is a strong forward who is expected to head the club in rebounding and scoring. Heale expects help from a trio of rookies, Mike Sheridan, Bob Tassone and John Kari.

The McMaster Marauders are coming off a championship in the Bishop's Tournament two weeks ago. Coach Phil Tollestrup's squad lacks size but has very good perimeter shooters. Veterans Phil Tamburino, Marc DuBois, John Kulic and Scott Lind combine with rookies Ron Antanaitis, Jeff Newnham and Jack McClellan to give Tollestrup a solid nucleus.

However, when the final buzzer sounds on Saturday afternoon, the Concordia Stingers hope to be on the winning side of their second tournament championship.